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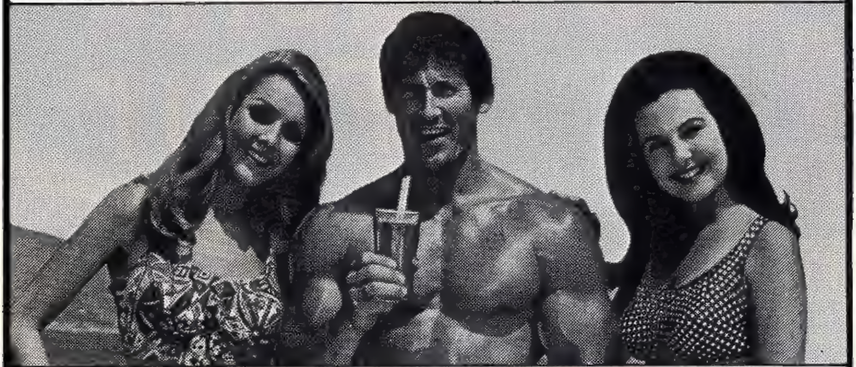

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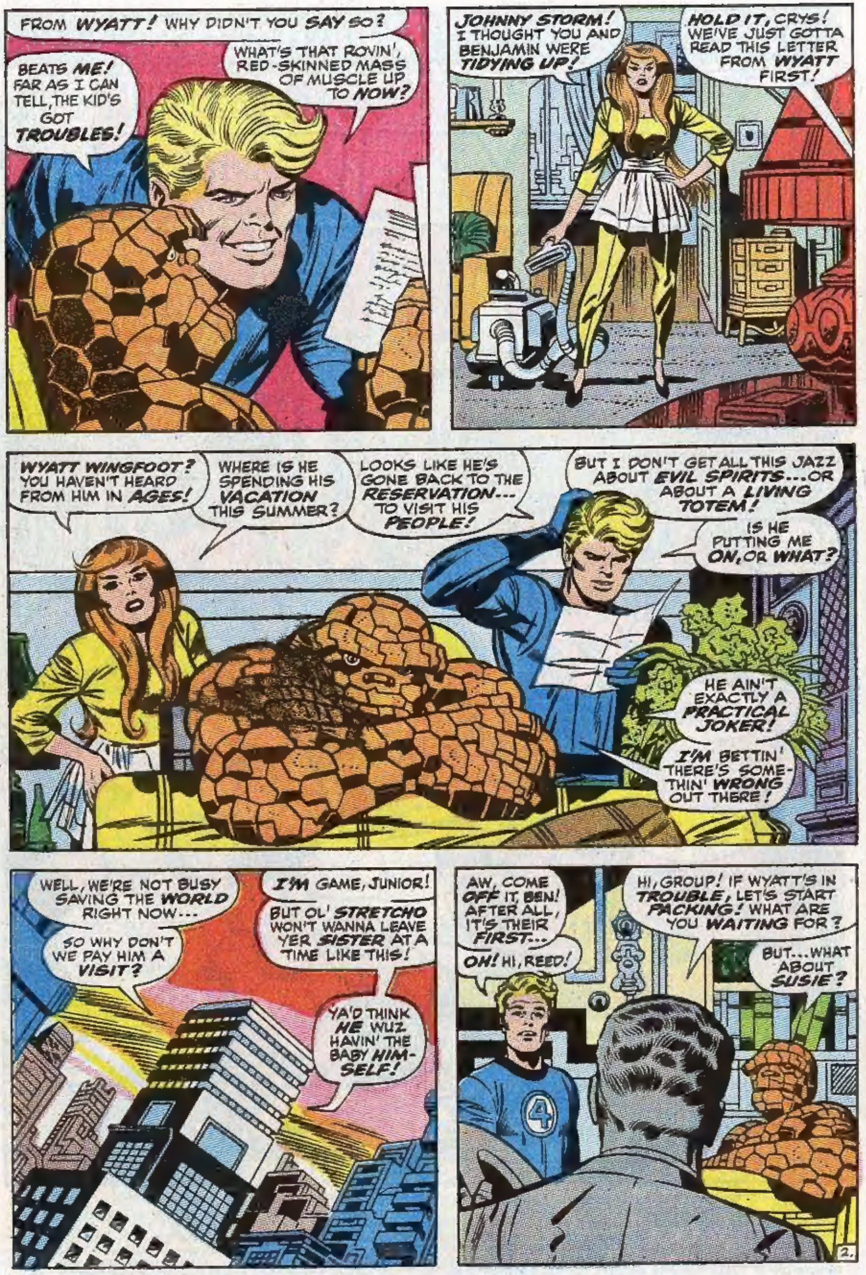
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WHAT'S THAT ROVIN', RED-SKINNED MASS OF MUSCLE UP TO NOW?
BEATS ME! FAR AS I CAN TELL, THE KID'S GOT TROUBLES!
JOHNNY STORM! I THOUGHT YOU AND BENJAMIN WERE TIDYING UP!
HOLD IT, CRYS! WE'VE JUST GOTTA READ THIS LETTER FROM WYATT FIRST!
WYATT WINGFOOT? YOU HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN AGES!
WHERE IS HE SPENDING HIS VACATION THIS SUMMER?
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GONE BACK TO THE RESERVATION... TO VISIT HIS PEOPLE!
BUT I DON'T GET ALL THIS JAZZ ABOUT EVIL SPIRITS... OR ABOUT A LIVING TOTEM!
IS HE PUTTING ME ON, OR WHAT?
HE AIN'T EXACTLY A PRACTICAL JOKER!
I'M BETTIN' THERE'S SOME-THIN' WRONG OUT THERE!
WELL, WE'RE NOT BUSY SAVING THE WORLD RIGHT NOW...
SO WHY DON'T WE PAY HIM A VISIT?
I'M GAME, JUNIOR!
BUT OL' STRETCHO WON'T WANNA LEAVE YER SISTER AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
YA'D THINK HE WUZ HAVIN' THE BABY HIM-SELF!
AW, COME OFF IT, BEN! AFTER ALL, IT'S THEIR FIRST...
OH! HI, REED!
HI, GROUP! IF WYATT'S IN TROUBLE, LET'S START PACKING! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
BUT...WHAT ABOUT SUSIE?
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IT WOULD TAKE DAYS TO COVER THIS SAME TERRAIN ON HORSEBACK!
*IT SEEMS LIKE AN ETERNITY AGO, BUT IT WAS ONLY IN ISH #54 ---REMEMBER?--- STATISTICAL STAN.
I SURE MISS THE TORCH... AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FF!
THOSE FEW MONTHS I SPENT WITH THEM WERE AMONG THE HAPPIEST OF MY LIFE!
BUT I'D BETTER CONCENTRATE ON THE JOB AT HAND NOW!
EVER SINCE I RETURNED TO THE TRIBE, THE MEDICINE MEN HAVE BEEN WHISPERING ABOUT THE OLD LEGENDS ---
THEY CLAIM THE TOTEM LIVES AGAIN!
I KNOW IT ISN'T POSSIBLE! I KNOW IT CAN'T... WAIT!
WHAT'S THAT??
IT SOUNDS LIKE... GIANT FOOTSTEPS!
THE GROUND... IT'S BEGINNING TO HEAVE!
THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN IS TREMBLING --- SHAKING... AS THOUGH IT'S COMING APART!
IT ISN'T AN EARTHQUAKE... AND YET...
WHAT CAN IT BE??
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THE EARTH IS SPLITTING ASUNDER...
MOLTEN FIRE...FROM BELOW... ENGULFING THE CRUISER!!
ONLY THE HOVER GEAR CAN SAVE ME... IF I APPLY IT IN TIME..!
I'VE GOT TO MAKE IT...TO THE LEDGE OF THE CLIFF!
SWOOSH!
SECONDS LATER...
I WAS LUCKY!
LUCKIER, PERHAPS, THAN I DESERVE!
THE GYRO-CRUISER WITHSTOOD THE SEARING HEAT...
BUT, THE GIANT FOOTSTEPS ...ARE COMING ...STILL CLOSER..!
ABOVE ME..!
THERE'S SOMETHING ENORMOUS... MOVING UP THERE!
WHATEVER THE RISK... I HAVE TO SEE IT!
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HOW COME WE DIDN'T TAKE US A REGULAR JET..
SO'S WE COULD GIVE THEM STEWARDESSES A THRILL?
OUR POGO PLANE'S MORE MANEUVER-ABLE, BEN...
STEWARDESSES NOTWITHSTANDING!
WHAT'S WITH THE MANEUVERABLE BIT PAL?
YOU FIGGERIN' ON SOME DOG FIGHTS WITH THE RED BARON OR SOMETHIN'?
NOT EXACTLY, MR GRIMM!
BUT I'M GUESSING OUR LITTLE TRIP WILL TAKE US FAR AFIELD OF THE AIRLINES REGULAR ROUTES!
ALSO, NOW THAT WE'VE REACHED THE GENERAL AREA...
WE CAN SLACKEN SPEED ...AND REDUCE ALTITUDE ENOUGH TO SCOUT AROUND!
TRY DOING THIS ON A SCHEDULED FLIGHT!
CAN'T YOU EVER ANSWER A GUY WITHOUT DELIVERIN A BLASTED SPEECH??
CAREFUL, BEN, THE ANSWER TO THAT ONE MAY BE ANOTHER SPEECH!
FLAME ON!
GOOD BOY, JOHNNY! SEE IF YOU CAN LOCATE WYATT'S TRIBE!
BOY! WHAT SCENERY!
BUT WHERE AM I GONNA FIND WYATT?
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SHOCK BLAST SHOTS... COMING FROM BELOW!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE..
BUT, IT'S A CINCH THEY'RE NOT MEMBERS OF MY FAN CLUB!
HE WHO FLIES WITH FIRE IS TOO SWIFT FOR US, O SILENT FOX!
IT IS A DEMON OF FLAME... SENT BY MIGHTY TOMAZOOMA... TO DESTROY US!
NOW WILL MY GRANDSON... WYATT WINGFOOT ...DOUBT HIS PEOPLE NO LONGER!
THOSE INDIANS DOWN BELOW... THEY'RE THE ONES!
BUT THESE SIZZLIN' FIRE-BALLS WILL SCARE THEM OFF!
IT WORKED! THEY'RE HIGH-TAILIN' IT FOR HOME..!
ALL EXCEPT THE OLD ONE WHO'S STANDING HIS GROUND LIKE A BORN CHIEFTAIN!
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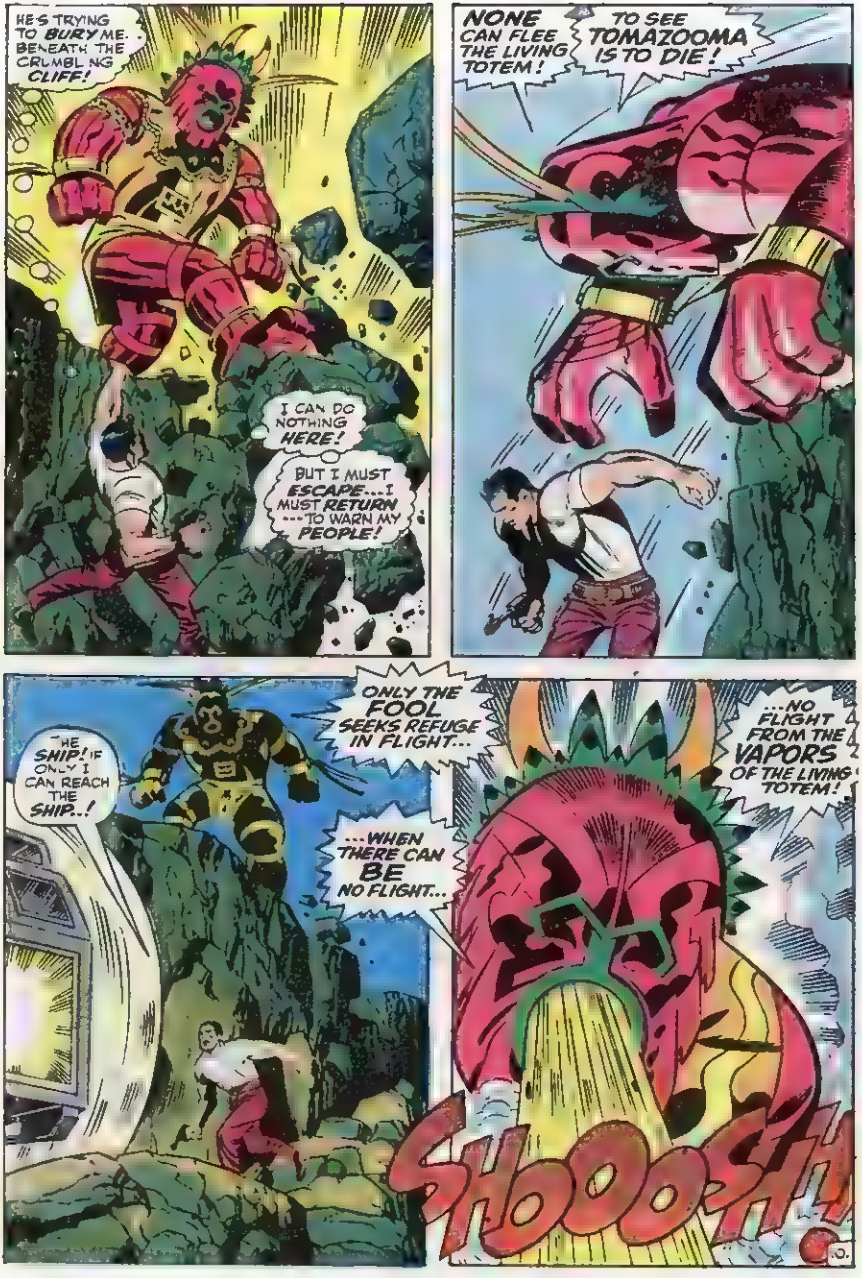

HE'S TRYING TO BURY ME... BENEATH THE CRUMBLING CLIFF!
I CAN DO NOTHING HERE!
BUT I MUST ESCAPE...I MUST RETURN ---TO WARN MY PEOPLE!
NONE CAN FLEE THE LIVING TOTEM!
TO SEE TOMAZOOMA IS TO DIE!
THE SHIP! IF ONLY I CAN REACH THE SHIP..!
ONLY THE FOOL SEEKS REFUGE IN FLIGHT...
...WHEN THERE CAN BE NO FLIGHT...
...NO FLIGHT FROM THE VAPORS OF THE LIVING TOTEM!
SHOOOSH!
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NO! I MUSTN'T LET THE GAS OVERCOME ME!
THERE IS.. TOO MUCH... AT STAKE...!
I MUSTN'T... BLACK OUT!! ... MUST HOLD ON... JUST A FEW SECONDS.. LONGER...
ONCE INSIDE... THE SHIP... I CAN ...ESCAPE!
I CAN'T ...I WON'T... FAIL SILENT FOX...OR ...MY PEOPLE!
WHILE, BACK ON THE PLAIN...
THOUGH YOU FOLLOW THE CUSTOMS OF THE PAST... YOU POSSESS MODERN WEAPONRY .. MODERN MACHINES!
HOW DID YOU OBTAIN THEM, SILENT FOX?
LET'S LET REED HANDLE THIS, BEN!
I'D RATHER YAK ABOUT THAT BLASTED TOTEM!
MY TRIBE POSSESSES ALMOST LIMITLESS WEALTH... BECAUSE OF THE VAST SUPPLY OF OIL BENEATH OUR LAND
OUR LAND IS WORTH BILLIONS BUT WE WILL NEVER SELL IT...FOR IT IS OUR HOME!
THE RED STAR OIL COMPANY WILL NEVER OWN THIS LAND.
HERE WE WERE BORN... AND HERE WILL WE DIE.
THE RED STAR COMPANY? BUT, THEY'RE CONTROLLED FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN!
NO MATTER! SILENT FOX HAS SPOKEN TRUE! THIS LAND IS OURS!
AND, IF ALL ELSE FAILS, THERE IS TOMAZOOMA... TO PROTECT US!
PROTECT YA? SOUNDS TO ME MORE LIKE HE'S OUT TO DEMOLISH YA
HEY! WHAT WUZ THAT?
SOME KINDA EXPLOSION... WAY OUT BEYOND THAT RIDGE!
ALL THAT FLAME... THAT NOISE! WHAT CAN IT BE?
ONLY A BLAZING OIL FIELD COULD CAUSE SUCH AN INFERNO!
THE TOTEM WALKS AGAIN!

I BETTER HEAD FOR THE SPOT... LIKE NOW!
YOU TWO CAN FOLLOW IN THE POGO PLANE!
THAT'S MIGHTY NICE'A YA!
SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET ELECTED BOSS OF THIS BLASTED TEAM?
KNOCK IT OFF, BEN!
IF YOU'RE OUT FOR A FIGHT, I'VE A HUNCH YOU'LL SOON GET YOUR WISH!
NOW LET'S REACH THAT PLANE.. FAST!
REED WAS RIGHT!
ONE OF SILENT FOX'S ENTIRE OIL FIELDS IS ABLAZE!
I'LL USE MY OWN FIRE POWER TO GATHER THE FLAMES AND THEN EXTINGUISH THEM!
BUT WHAT ABOUT WYATT? I HOPE THE BIG FELLA'S OKAY!
UH OH! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
THE RIGGERS SEE SOMETHING THAT FRIGHTENS THEM!
THEY'RE RUNNING IN PANIC!
FLAMIN' FIRE-BALLS!
SOMETHING PICKED UP THAT TANK CAR... AND TOSSED IT LIKE A TOY!
IT JUST BARELY MISSED ME!
BUT WHAT?? HOW??
THERE'S THE ANSWER.. DOWN BELOW..!
IT MUST BE TOMAZOOMA!
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I'VE JUST TIME TO MELT THAT TRACTOR... BEFORE HE CAN HURL IT!
HE SEES ME... AND DOESN'T LIKE WHAT HE SEES!
OH NO!! TWIN ELECTRO-BEAMS... SHOOTING OUT FROM HIS EYES!!
THE SHOCK BLAST... PENETRATING MY FLAME...
EVERYTHING GOING BLACK... I--I'M LOSING CONSCIOUSNESS!
BUT... WITH MY FLAME OUT... IF I FALL... FROM THIS HEIGHT...!
JOHNNY!
YA GOT 'IM!
WE WEREN'T A SECOND TOO SOON, BEN!
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KEEP 'ER STEADY, STRETCH!
I'LL GIT THE KID!
HURRY, BEN!
CAN'T... BEAR THE WEIGHT... MUCH LONGER!
OKAY, PAL... THE HALF-PINT'S SAFE!
SO HEAD THIS TUB FER THAT CRUMMY TOTEM!
WE'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL, BEN!
THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE!
NUTS! YOU'D SAY THAT IF I WAS TACKLIN' A KID IN A PLAYPEN!
THAT'S IT, MISTER... KEEP 'ER RIGHT ON COURSE, 'CAUSE...
IT'S...
CLOBBERIN' TIME!
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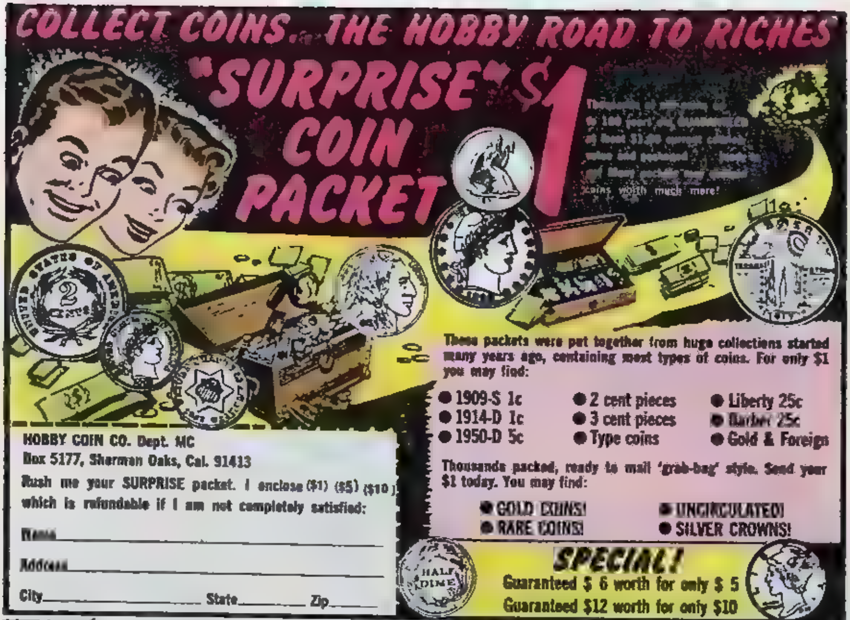

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BUT, IT IS NOT OUR PRO TECTOR!
IT SEEKS T DESTROY US!
YOU MUST NOT SPEAK SUCH WORDS, MY SON!
WE MUST NEVER LOSE FAITH IN THE MIGHTY TOMAZOOMA!
BUT THIS ISN'T TOMAZOOMA HE'S JUST A LEGEND! THERE IS NO TOMAZOOMA!
THIS IS AN EVIL MACHINE... BUILT BY SOME DEADLY ENEMY!
A MACHINE. TO DRIVE US FROM OUR LAND!
FOR MANY MOONS... THE RED STAR OIL COMPANY HAS TRIED TO TAKE THIS LAND!
NOW, SILENT FOX KNOWS WHAT HE MUST DO--!
YOU... HAVE CALLED WASHINGTON... ON THAT SMALL WIRELESS TRANSCEIVER?
DOES IT SURPRISE THE SON OF MY SON THAT THIS ELDERLY ONE HAS MASTERED SUCH DEVICES?
NO MATTER!
SILENT FOX HAS LEARNED WHAT HE MUST KNOW!
THE RED STAR OIL COMPANY HAS BEEN ORDERED AWAY FROM THESE SHORES!
THEY WERE TRULY AGENTS OF ANOTHER POWER!
THE FALSE TOTEM WAS INDEED THEIR OWN EVIL HANDIWORK!
BUT, I REFUSED ALL MILITARY AID... ALL ASSISTANCE FROM THE PENTAGON..!
WE OURSELVES MUST DESTROY THE MONSTER THAT WALKS OUR LAND!
EVEN NOW, OUR WARRIORS GATHER...
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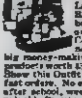

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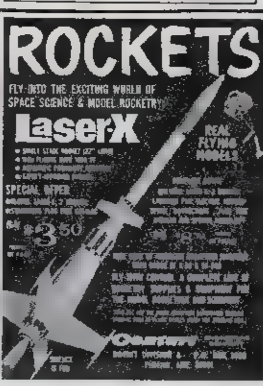

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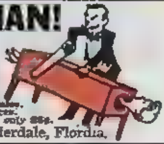

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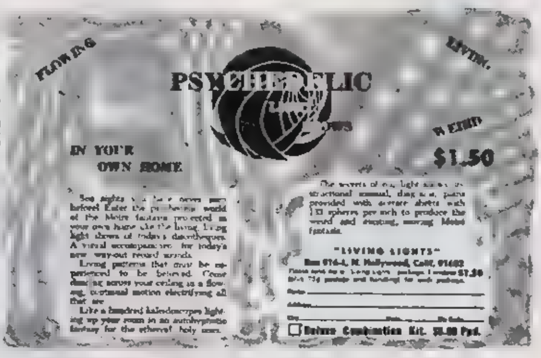

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THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!
DO YOU HAVE A PORTABLE BAZOOKA WITHIN REACH?
YES! RIGHT THERE... IN BACK OF THE BUGGY!
THEN GET IT, MAN!
BUT, WE'VE ALREADY TRIED IT!
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YOU'RE NOT FIRING A SHELL..!
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I'VE GOT TO MAKE MY BODY SMALLER... MORE COMPACT... THAN EVER BEFORE!
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QUICKLY! LIFT ME UP... GENTLY... GENTLY!
NOW, LAUNCH ME... RIGHT AT THE OPENING BENEATH THE TOTEM'S EYES!
TAKE THE MOST CAREFUL AIM.
FOR, IF YOU SHOULD MISS...
WYATT WINGFOOT WILL NOT MISS!
SHOOOOM!
HE DID IT!
MY GAMBLE PAID OFF! HIS POWER PACK IS LOCATED RIGHT HERE!
NOW, IF I CAN JUST SHORT CIRCUIT IT BEFORE HE CAN REPEL ME..!

BUKROOM!
HE SAVED US! THE TOTEM IS DESTROYED!
YEAH... BUT I'M HOPIN' HE DIDN'T TAKE MY BUDDY WITH 'IM!
STAY BACK! I'M GITTIN' REED OUTTA THERE!
EASY, BEN! NO NEED TO RUSH NOW!
SONUVA-GUN, STRETCHO! YER OKAY!
HEY, FLAME OFF, HOTSHOT! THE PARTY'S OVER!
GIT WITH IT, LONGLEGS!
THEY'LL PROBABLY WANT-CHA TO JOIN 'EM IN A VICTORY DANCE AFTER THIS!
NO BEN! THEY'LL HAVE NO HEART FOR CELEBRATING!
AFTER ALL, FOR THEM A LEGEND HAS DIED!
MIGHTY TOMAZOOMA HAS FAILED THEM!
YOUR COURAGE.. YOUR WISDOM, ARE GREATER THAN ANY THESE EYES HAVE EVER SEEN!
BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS THE PALEFACE CANNOT KNOW!
THE TOTEM THAT WALKS STILL LIVES!
IT DID NOT FAIL US!
BEHOLD!! TOMAZOOMA WAS HERE READY TO DESTROY THE MONSTER
BUT, THANKS TO YOU ...HE WAS NOT NEEDED!
I.. I DO SEE SOMETHING... SOMETHING GIGANTIC... FADING INTO THE MIST!
WADDAYA THINK, BIG BRAIN? IS IT THE REAL TOMAZOOMA...OR WHAT?
NOW HE RETURNS TO THE MYSTIC HUNTING GROUND BEYOND THE FARTHEST HORIZON!
AND THERE SHALL HE REMAIN... TILL WE SUMMON HIM AGAIN
WE'LL NEVER TRULY KNOW, BEN...
AND PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL
YES, MY FRIENDS
CIVILIZED MAN IS MORE SECURE IN THE BELIEF THAT LEGENDS DO NOT COME TRUE

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ITEM! Notice anything different this ish? There are more letters than ever on our letters pages — 'cause we've been omitting the usual answers. It's a real "first" for Marvel, and we decided to do it because we thought you yourselves might enjoy answering each other (as well as giving us more time to spend on the yarns themselves!) So from now on, when a frantic one brings up an objection, criticism, or query, we'll wait till some other frenzied fans retaliate, and award our usual ubiquitous No-Prizes for the best get-the-poor-old-Bullpen-off-the-hook answers. Besides, you'll get lots more letters per page this way. So, let us know how you like our agonizin' new approach, okay?

ITEM! Let's see what's doing in the bludgeoning Bullpen these days! Rascally ROY THOMAS is knockin' 'em dead with his new Nehru threads and guru goatee! Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH will be sending us his scripts from Hollywood for the next few months! Jazzy JOHNNY ROMITA bought himself a new set of wheels, and now you can't even get him to walk across the street! Jolly JACK KIRBY won three "Best Artist" awards from different fan groups in just one week! Dashin' DONNIE HECK made his first visit to the Bullpen in months, and didn't recognize SMILIN' STAN in his nutty new beard! Jaunty JIMMY STERANKO not only writes and draws his strips — but he colors 'em, too! (Watch out, Artie and Sam — if he ever finds a lettering pen —!) Every time we wanna make Merry MARIE SEVERIN happy, we promise that her brother, Long-JOHN SEVERIN will soon be inking one of her grinchy yarns! (And, he will — soon as he gets the time!) We don't know how Darlin' DICK AYERS can do so many war stories without getting battle fatigue. He doesn't get a vacation — he takes a furlough! Oops . . . we're running out of room! More next ish!

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Remember last ish, when we told you we'd shy away from editorializing? Well, no sooner did we go to press than a flood of new letters arrived, concerning the great "Soapbox controversy" and the vast majority went like this:

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So, that sinks it! From now on, whenever we have something to get off our collective chest, we'll assume we have a magniloquent mandate to sock it to ya, and let the chips fall where they may.

Excelsior!
Smiley.

Next ish: *"What is a bigot?"*

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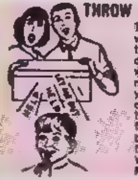

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Dear Stan and Jack,

Please bring back the old F.F. I wasn't collecting during the prime part of Marvel history now referred to as the "Good Old Days", but from the editions I have managed to read from that time I'd say I missed plenty. Just take a look at issue =22 (recently reprinted), one of your greatest efforts from that era. Throughout this issue one could see Ben and Johnny constantly harass one another without once losing their temper, as they now do. It contained a seemingly abundant amount of humor, which transformed it from a dull, run-of-the-mill comic book (like the FF today) into a delightful excursion into the world of realistic fantasy. Another reason Marvel is deteriorating is the artwork. Don't get me wrong, artwise I couldn't ask for more, but size wise . . . Yecch! Once again, compare issue 22 with your latest (77). Though the number of story pages differ only by two, (22 has the greater) 22 has 133 panels while 77 has only 87, a difference of some forty-six panels. If you don't watch out, before long every issue is going to contain an equal number of panels as pages.

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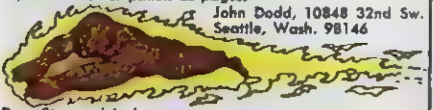

Dear Stan and Jack,

What's happening to Fantastic Four? Sue Richards doesn't act as if she is having a child. She acts as if she is going crazy and dying. When Jack draws Sue, she never looks happy, she looks afraid. Johnny and Reed's arms sometimes look as if they are filled with balloons instead of muscles. Another thing. You show the F.F. battling an individual; and heroes Spidey and D.D. battling gangs. Why don't you devote a few issues in which you feature one villain battling one member of the Fantastic Four? By the way, will the Fantastic Four become the Fantastic 5? Also, is the GOLDEN AGE Human Torch: Johnny Storm? Keep down the bad work. 'Nuff said.

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Cleveland, Ohio 44108

Dear Stan and Jack,

I, with my Marvelous scientific knowledge and a little bit of Kree Math, have devised a solution to the Ben Grimm Problem. Now, if you'll bear with me and refer to past F.F. ishes you'll notice that The Thing would change into Ben Grimm when exposed to cosmic rays, given a Reed Richards super-whooper-dooper potion, or run into some guy named Joe with a short-range subliminal influencer and a duplication apparatus (both can be bought for a couple zillion bucks at Forbush's Five and Dime on Yancy Street!). Now all Reedy-boy has to do is 1) Make a device in the convenient form of a cigarette lighter, penlight, etc. that would bombard Ben with cosmic rays in the way that Dr. Doom's device in F.F. ish #17 did, changing the Thing into Ben and vice-versa when necessary. 2) Have Reed dehydrate his "Ben-Thing" potion into pills that Ben could store in the belt-band on his F.F. shorts. Ben could use these pills like Ant-Man used to use his. Ya get the idea? 3) Let Ben use the device that Bruce Banner used to use to change into the *Hulk*, but get Reed or Bruce Banner to adjust it to give off cosmic rays instead of gamma rays. Okay? Now you guys at *Marvel*, with the votes of my fellow *Marvelites*, choose the one of these solutions that you think best. Okay, fellas and gals, start thinkin'! Yours till the Thing grows a beard!

Mark Cordisio, 645 Renz Street
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Dear Stan and Jack,

Back a few years ago, when I was at an impressionable age, my favorite television program happened to be 77 Sunset Strip, and so I had it firmly implanted in my mind before I even read the 77th issue of the FANTASTIC FOUR that this issue would be something special. And it was in many ways special and also a reflection upon the fact that almost every issue of this strip contains some quality which places each separate tale in the same category: special. The cover was the best Jack has illustrated for the F.F. in some time; but then, montage shots are often the best type of cover for any strip, since they tell more about the contents of that particular issue than one mere illustration of two foes battling it out to the death. "Shall Earth Endure?", which should, perhaps, be the title for this entire four chapter novel, was a splendid example of just what is so magnificent about the Fantastic Four. The relationship between Reed, Johnny, and Ben, which hasn't been developed enough before they entered the domain of the Psycho-man, was excellent, the dialogue zinged merrily along with amusement, conviction, and was perfectly tuned to the language which is spoken in America today. This issue even managed to avoid the pitfalls which Stan sometimes meanders into in his effort to make situations dramatic and tense. There were no awkward, "Oh, my dear, I don't think I should be able to take it if Reed were lost to me!" Stan even managed to restrain himself when the Silver Surfer confronted Sue at her bed-side, but perhaps the main reason is that the Silver Surfer is such a noble figure in himself. Not only that, Stan has been in rare form this month what with Thor's incident with the hippies, the Silver Surfer's haunting monologues as he skims through the placid air-ways, and Spidey's tortuous ruminations. I'm not sure just what has put Stan in to such a philosophical mood this month, but it certainly put forth some splendid entries in all of the strips which he now writes. That's you I'm talking about, Stan, if all of that got a little confusing. Beside the fact that this tale switched scenes expertly, from the FF and their walk through the laboratory of the Psycho-man (that full-page rendition of the four way down in the right corner of page 14 was magnificent and Stan's caption was the essence of Marvel humor), this was a special issue in almost every way, and only mirrors the fact that each issue of the Fantastic Four has those special qualities; and those qualities are: Reed, Sue, Johnny, and Ben along with the most carefully thought-out co-hosts ever presented from the Marvel Bullpen. What other Marvel Comic has produced so many other series from the mere appearances of characters entering the lives of the F.F. We've already gotten strips of the Silver Surfer, the Watcher, Captain Marvel (the Kree), the Black Panther, the Inhumans among others. And aren't all of them something special?

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Dear Stan and Jack,

Who has ever bothered to define Marvel's plotting style? The design is very simple, because if anyone checks they will find it has been repeated in every mag. First, a menace is formed and makes plans to be the ruler of Earth. Our heroes then go forward (making snide and corny remarks, when they're supposed to be saving the world) and fight the over-powerful villain, and as usual, are defeated. Second, when the world is ready to give up, our great (and rich) scientist, Reed, thinks up some weakness, which all our heroes can capitalize on, thus saving the world and its inhabitants. Also, the story is slowed down to a crawl by a forced device known as a caption. The narrative is almost exclusively carried by captions and what little dialogue there is,is obviously stilted. And the thing that gets me is that you dish out some philosophical nonsense about good winning over and combating evil, when all the enemy does against the law is disturb the peace or rob a bank. And in any given panel, lines could be exchanged without any change at all. Stan Lee is a pro — and must know better than to let these things happen. And after all this ridicule, I still love Marvel's Fantastic Four. And what I say is with all the characters around there is no excuse why F.F. shouldn't be the best mag around. And I know that all your loyal fans, who will rave over anything (or make silly or inconsequential criticisms) you put out, just to get their name in print will surely have a lot to say about this letter, but isn't there anyone out there that sees the same defect as I do?

George Ferguson, 203 E. Main St.
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Dear Stan and Jack,

Although I am in that age group, 37, which is not normally associated with reading comic books, I have read some editions of your F.F. magazine. I am presently following Galactus' latest foray against the planet Earth in search of the Silver Surfer, which I find to be highly interesting. While I do not know what your plans are for the conclusion of this tale, I do have a suggestion. Galactus should be irrevocably destroyed. Any parasitic monster that must exist at the expense of destroying entire planets deserves no better fate. The fact that he is permitted to moralize that he has no intentions of destroying this planet does not excuse his wanton destruction of other worlds. No single life, no matter the power or longevity of that entity, is worth the existence of millions, billions, trillions or even a single other creature, just to insure its own existence. Therefore, I say, the F.F. must destroy Galactus.

S. L. Cox, SSGT G. Lee Cox
Wheel US AB, Libya

Dear Stan and Jack,

Zowie! I've just caught hold of one of the biggest mistakes in the history of the F.F. — referring to the Surfer's board. I have found that by looking into some of the earlier issues in which the Silver Surfer was featured, that you had included the little rudder-like thing on the bottom of his board. But then I looked at some of the more current issues and it was nowhere to be found! What has happened to it? Was it knocked off during one of the Silver Surfer's many battles? No, this is impossible. I recall Galactus saying it was indestructible, did he not? There is just no excuse for this earth-shattering error. This mistake is enough to make a person not want to face front or hang loose all day. But since I'm one of your more loyal fans, I'll forgive you.

Bill Lewis, 446 High Ave.
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Dear Stan and Jack,

I finally dug my way out of literary limbo to drop you this note. After you pick it up, you will find that it refers to a letter submitted by a Marvelite in F.F. #74. In his letter he inquired why Johnny's clothes remain intact when he "flames on" (to quote a famous phrase). I then thought of the rest of the F.F. and their clothes. Well, wait no more. I have the answer! Remember the clothes they wore when they were first exposed to cosmic radiation? These clothes were probably affected in much the same way that the person wearing them was. Reed Richards probably took those clothes, studied them, and built a machine that could expose cosmic radiation to other fabrics and affect them the same way that the original clothes were affected! Therefore, when Johnny flames on, his clothes flame on also; when Reed stretches, his clothes stretch also; when Sue invisibilizes, her clothes invisibilize also! Keep up the fantabulisticalosious (great) work on F.F.

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Dear Stan and Jack,

I have been reading over some of my past issues of the Fantastic Four (I have every issue from 1-77 except #3), and I have discovered one very interesting point. This is that issues 1-38 and 64-77 have normally been running one story per issue with little or no sub-story or sub-plot. However, issues 39-63 are quite different. Issue #39 started the F.F.'s battle with Dr. Doom, after they had lost their powers, with Daredevil as guest star. Issue #40 continued and finished that story, but ran into the F.F.'s battle with the Frightful Four and Ben Grimm (41-43). Reed and Sue's wedding (Annual #3) broke that run, but starting with #44 came the introduction of the Inhumans, and that story ran for 5 issues to #48 when it overlapped the first part of the Galactus tale. This lasted until #50. Issue #51 was a loner, but still one of your finest (This Man, This Monster). Issue #52 brought us the Black Panther, and this went until #54 when Johnny started searching for Crystal. That was when things really began to get hairy. Johnny's quest for Crystal stretched for 6 issues (54-58) during which he was absent from the FF until #58 when he rejoined them. During his absence, the remaining three members of the F.F. tangled with the Silver Surfer (#55), Klaw (#56), and Dr. Doom (#57-58). The Dr. Doom tale ran into another part of the Crystal-Johnny story, since they both ran through #'s 59 and 60. After Doom, the F.F. ran into their old enemy, the Mad Thinker in Annual #4, as well as the original Torch. Overlapping the Dr. Doom-FF/Johnny Storm story came another story of the Inhumans starting in #59, in which they broke free of their prison created by the Mad Maximus. Now Crystal was searching for Johnny who had returned to New York and the F.F., only to meet up with an old friend, the Sandman. After a battle which nearly cost Reed his life in the negative zone, Crystal and Johnny were reunited once more, and together with the rest of the F.F., they beat Blastaar, the fiend from the Negative Zone. All this happened in issues 61-63. Since then, things have calmed down some. While the F.F. fought the Kree (#64-65), Alicia became involved with a set of mad scientists and Him, whereupon the F.F. went after her. Since this, the only secondary story running (although not secondary to Reed) is Sue's expectant baby. Now to the main point of this letter. I would like to see more stories similar to those in issues 39-63. Not necessarily in the FF, but possibly in some of your other mags. Perhaps you could take several different titles (X-Men, Avengers, FF, Thor, etc.) and combine the stories to have them all guest starring in each other's mags and fighting the same menace. You could even use the Inhumans in something like this. This may sound like an impossible load, but I think that, judging by your past efforts, that you guys are quite capable of pulling something like this off. I wouldn't suggest it if I didn't think so. Now one more point. Reed and Ben both served during World War II. Do you plan to have Johnny serve as well or not? Thanks for taking time to read this. I realize it is pretty long, but I felt I had to write.

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